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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

25X1A SUBJECT: Conversation with [ ] 18 December, regarding Possible Navy Utilization of North Base Facilities, Edwards Air Force Base

25X1A 1. [ ] called me the morning of 18 December to say he had been approached by the Senior Staff at Main Base Edwards, to see if there was any objection to utilizing the North Base runway during the period 2 - 12 January 1964 for nighttime simulated carrier approach landings by the Air Group at the Naval Air Station, Lemoore, California.

25X1A 2. According to [ ] the weather in the San Joaquin Valley where Lemoore is located has been remarkably bad this winter - so much so that the Command is desperately behind in their carrier proficiency training. COMFAIRALAMEDA apparently asked General Branch for permission to use Main Base facilities at Edwards where the night flying weather is much better, in order to make up for the weather deficiency at Lemoore.

25X1A 3. [ ] said that the North Base facilities would be used only as a backup on those occasions when the wind was from the east. The rest of the time the naval aircraft would operate from Main Base. Apparently traffic patterns are such at Main Base that easterly landings give them a problem. The Navy would install temporary mirrors at North Base for the exercise.

25X1A 4. I told [ ] to go ahead and agree to this plan since it would not conflict with our operations and I subsequently informed [ ] of this decision.

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